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SUBJ: RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

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SUMMARY: EDITORIAL IN SEMI-INDEPENDENT WEEKLY L'OUEST AFRICAINE ANNOUNCES THAT 17 POLITICAL PRISONERS INCLUDING MAMADOU DIA, VALDIODIO N'DIAYE, AND IBRAHIMA SARR WILL BE RELEASED MARCH 27. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING EXTRACTED FROM EDITORIAL ENTITLED "NI DEMI PARDON, NI ESPRIT DE REVANCE": MARCH 27, WITH THE LIBERATION OF THE POLITICAL DETAINEES OF KEDOUGOU, THE NATIONAL DRAMA OF DECEMBER 17, 1962 WILL HAVE ITS EPILOGUE.

MAMADOU DIA, VALDIODIO N'DIAYE AND IBRAHIMA SARR WILL RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.

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THE STUDENTS IMPLICATED IN THE INCIDENTS WHICH BROKE OUT AT THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF M. GEORGES POMPIDOU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE, WILL BENEFIT FROM THE AMNESTY MEASURES DECIDED UPON BY THE SENEGALESE CHIEF OF STATE.

THOSE DETAINED FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AT TABASKI, MARCH 22, 1967, WILL ALSO BE RELEASED."

2. EDITORIAL CONTINUES PLACING CURRENT AMNESTY IN CONTEXT "LONG VICTORIOUS MARCH" OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR WHICH IS PROOF OF HIS PROFOUND ALLIANCE WITH SENEGALESE PEOPLE.

3. COMMENT: IN WAKE 67 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT TEN PEOPLE LED BY ANFORMER DEPUTY FROM KAOLACK, MAMADOU MOUSTAPHA DRAME, WERE IMPRISONED. THE WOULD-BE ASSASSIN WAS EXECUTED. DRANE AND THE OTHERS WERE CLOSE TO DIA BEFORE LATTER'S IMPRISONMENT. 11 STUDENTS WERE CONVICTED IN JULY 1971 FOR INCITING VIOLENCE AT DAKAR UNIVERSITY AND ATTEMPTING DISRUPT POMPIDOU VISIT. LEADER OF GROUP WAS DIALLY DIOP BLONDIN, ELDER BROTHER OF STUDENT WHO GOVERNMENT REPORTED AS HAVING COMMITTED SUICIDE IN PRISON LAST YEAR. SOME OF STUDENTS AND OTHERS ARRESTED IN 1967 MAY HAVE ALREADY SERVED THIR TERMS OR BEEN AMNSTIED WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN DISCREPANCY BETWEEN TOTAL ARRESTED IN EVENTS CITED IN EDITORIAL AND TOTAL TO BE RELEASE TOMORROW. SENGHOR'S PRESENT AMNESTY SHOULD COME CLOSE TO WIPING SLATE CLEAN. AGGREY

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